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MONTHLY REPORT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN ILLINOIS
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Reflecting high unemployment throughout the state, Illinois' public assistance caseloads rose 1,636 persons between the last two months, to a January 1982 recipient total of 1,043,961. The increase was virtually confined to General Assistance in Chicago and to the unemployed parent sector of the AFDC program, with nearly all counties participating in the AFDC-U rise. Assistance payments totalling $226,130,500 during January comprised $87,827,900 in grants and $138,302,600 paid directly to medical providers.

This report summarizes the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, State Supplemental Payments to the aged, blind, or disabled, the Medical Assistance--No Grant program, Aid to the Medically Indigent, and General Assistance in Chicago. Downstate General Assistance units receiving State GA funds and all GA nonreceiving units were excluded from the above totals. Also excluded were the federally-funded Refugee Resettlement, Cuban Phasedown, Cuban/Haitian Entrant, and Food Stamp programs.

Broad AFDC-Unemployed Advance. AFDC-U increases in all sections of the state lifted the combined program's recipient total 2,546 between the last two months, to 713,839 persons in 227,303 cases. Expenditures amounted to $111,937,800 this January, consisting of $69,823,200 in grants and $42,114,600 in medical payments; the grants averaged $307.18 per family and $97.81 per family member. AFDC-unemployed, in particular, rose 3,263 persons this month, to a 61,039 total, as cases increased 848, to 14,379, the highest case count since February 1976. An accompanying decline of 717 persons in the AFDC-basic sector yielded 652,800 persons on the rolls; AFDC-basic cases fell 153, to 212,924.

Another SSP "Low". Last month's increase of 172 State Supplemental Payments cases was more than erased by a December-January decline of 388. The resulting total of 31,064 one-person cases, a low for recent years, included 6,173 aged, 308 blind, and 24,583 disabled persons. Current SSP payments of $2,907,200 averaged $93.59 per capita. Medical payments on behalf of SSP and "O" grant cases, together, were $7,530,700, averaging $233.19 per person on the rolls.

Medical-Only Eligibles Decline. Four segments of the Medical Assistance--No Grant program sustained declines between the last two months, and the fifth, foster care children, experienced only a nominal increase. As a result, the overall count of eligibles for medical care only fell 2,717, to 193,908 persons in 167,627 active cases. Aged, blind, or disabled persons categorically eligible for medical only (AABD-MANG) dropped 1,056, to a total of 137,519 one-person cases. Payments on their behalf totalled $45,867,300 in January, or $333.53 per eligible person. The number of persons in families categorically eligible for medical only (AFDC-MANG) decreased 593, to 26,166 in 11,992 cases. Their medical payments were $3,236,000, currently, or $269.85 per eligible family.

Persons included under the AFDC-extended medical segment fell 998 this month, to 17,505 in 5,398 families. Expenditures for these families were reported under the AFDC grant program. A decline of 81 left 1,230 one-person "O" grant cases on the rolls. These along with SSP cases comprised the aged, blind, or disabled grant-eligible (AABD-MAG) program; medical reimbursements for the two

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components were inseparable. Foster care children for whom medical needs were available through DPA numbered 11,488 in January, an increase of 11 over December's total. Payments amounted to $695,800, or $60.57 per eligible child.

AMI Off From Peak. Last month's all-time peak of Aid to the Medically Indigent cases for which bills were paid was followed by a mild reduction in January. The latest count of 8,636 persons in 6,501 cases was 175 persons below the December total. Current expenditures of $4,332,000 averaged $666.36 per case.

GA-Chicago in Sharp Rise. A December-January rise of 2,370 persons, following an advance of 3,521 the month before, netted 96,514 persons in 89,798 cases under Chicago's General Assistance program. Total assistance this month amounted to $25,319,700, including $15,097,500 in grants and $10,222,200 of medical payments; the per capita grant average was $156.43. Cases rose 277 in the Metro North Region, to 18,090; 715 in Metro West, to 23,795; 436 in Central, to 22,518; 648 in Metro South, to 25,316; and 9 among city-wide cases, to a total of 79.

Other GA Activity. Local governments downstate receiving State General Assistance funds reported 10,399 persons in 9,477 cases this December, the latest month for which information was available. That count was 759 persons above November's level. Assistance payments in the latter month amounted to $1,817,100, comprising $1,287,300 in grants and $529,800 paid to medical vendors. These totals included some local as well as State funds. GA-nonreceiving units accounted for an additional 17,730 persons in 8,864 cases in December. Total expenditures were $1,031,700; grants were $826,400, and medical payments, $205,300. All data for nonreceiving units were partly estimated.

Refugee Resettlement. The grant component of the Refugee Resettlement program increased a relatively modest 40 persons between December and January, to a caseload of 9,532 persons in 3,161 cases. This component expanded 86 persons last month and an average of 272 persons per month in the August-November 1981 period. The medical-only component, in a general downward trend, fell another 6 persons in January, to 269 persons in 89 eligible cases. The July 1981 total had been 329 persons in 104 cases.

Cuban Phasedown and Cuban/Haitian Programs. Continuing in its narrow 127-130 person range maintained since last September, the grant component of the Cuban Phasedown Program edged one person higher between the last two months, to 128 persons in 91 cases. The medical-only component accommodated two one-person cases in both December and January. Entirely separate from the above, the Cuban/Haitian Program dropped one person in the latest monthly comparison, to 1,637 persons in 1,332 grant cases. There were no medical-only cases in either of the last two months.

Food Stamp Program. Approximately 1,053,350 persons resided in households receiving Food Stamp ATP Documents in January, 1,525 persons more than the December 1981 estimate. Individuals in households on the regular roll increased 7,465, to 935,071 in 362,514 households. Their centrally-issued ATP Documents were valued at $40,747,300, or $112.40 per household and $43.58 per household member. In addition to these, an estimated 118,280 persons were in households receiving locally-issued ATP Documents. These Documents were valued at $4,593,300, or about $38.85 per capita.

Applications -- All Programs. Each of the programs shared in the drop among applications received, of 3,159 from December's peak level, to the 45,476 taken in January. The fact that the current month included five full weekends and two holidays undoubtedly limited the number of applications received and processed. This month's AFDC total was 13,895; aged, blind, or disabled grants, 2,169; Medical Assistance--No Grant, 11,344; AMI, 6,375; and General Assistance in Chicago, 11,693. Current and last-month totals were revised to include foster care children under Medical Assistance. These foster care applications numbered 461 in January.

AFDC Applications. Applications for AFDC dropped 584 between December and January, to a 13,895 total. Receipts of 10,045 for the basic sector and 3,850 for the unemployed sector were both slightly below December levels. Denials consitituted 40.8 percent of current processing activity, 35.8 percent of basic sector applications handled and 53.6 percent of those for AFDC-U. There were 8,610 applications pending at the month's end, 6,241 for AFDC-basic and 2,369 for AFDC-unemployed. High and low pending counts for the combined program during 1981 were the 10,470 in September and 7,842 at the end of the year.

AFDC Openings and Closings. "Living below agency standards" was cited for 2,438 AFDC openings in January, the second highest number ever recorded for that reason. The 2,438 total represented 29.2 percent of all cases opened, well above those following loss of employment, 22.6 percent; openings because a parent left home, 14.1; loss of unemployment benefits, 13.3; and all other reasons, 20.8 percent. Openings for which reasons could be tabulated numbered 8,336, excluding transfers. Comparable totals were 8,196 in December and 8,133 in November.

Closings analyzed in January were a low 7,306 compared to the 10,137 a month earlier and 12,548 in November. Receipt of employment or increased budgeted earnings accounted for 20.6 percent of current activity; whereabouts unknown, 13.1; noncooperation with redetermination requirements, 12.5; loss of legal residence, 9.7; requested cancellation, 9.4; lack of an eligible child, 6.6; income from state or local government, 6.0; step-parent liability sufficient for needs of step-child, 4.3; refusal of earned income verification, 3.2; income exceeds 150% of standard, 1.7; step-parent failed to verify income, 1.4; and miscellaneous reasons for closing, 11.5 percent.

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Illinois Department of Public Aid
PROGRAMS RECEIVING STATE FUNDS
NUMBER OF CASES, PERSONS, AND AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE
(Excludes Downstate General Assistance Receiving Units)
January 1982

PROGRAM	NO OF CASES	PERSONS				AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE			
			Change From				Grant Payments		
		NUMBER	A Month Ago	A Year Ago Number	A Year Ago %	Total	Amount	Aver. Per Person	Medical Payments
				TOTAL STATE					
TOTAL a/	522,293	1,043,961	+1,636	+35,173	+ 3.5	$201,826,500 b/	$87,279,900 b/	$ --	$113,998,600 b/
Categorical Grant Cases	258,367	744,903	+2,158	+19,995	+ 2.8	122,375,700	72,730,400	97.64	49,645,300
State Supplemental Cases	31,064	31,064	- 388	- 1,372	- 4.2	10,437,900	2,907,200	93.59	7,530,700 c/
Aged	6,173	6,173	- 29	- 35	- 0.6	1,035,000	414,200	67.10	620,800 c/
Blind	308	308	- 6	- 36	-10.5	84,900	24,400	79.22	60,500 c/
Disabled	24,583	24,583	- 353	- 1,301	- 5.0	9,318,000	2,468,600	100.42	6,849,400 c/
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	227,303	713,839	+2,546	+ 21,367	+ 3.1	111,937,800	69,823,200	97.81	42,114,600
AFDC - Basic	212,924	652,800	- 717	+ 126	--	103,225,700	64,177,600	98.31	39,048,100
AFDC - Unemployed	14,379	61,039	+3,263	+ 21,241	+53.4	8,712,100	5,645,600	92.49	3,066,500
Medical Assistance-No Grant	167,627	193,908	-2,717	- 6,480	- 3.2	49,799,100	-- --	--	49,799,100
Medical Only	149,511	163,685	-1,649	- 11,571	6.6	49,103,300	-- --	--	49,103,300
"0" Grant	1,230	1,230	- 81	- 318	-20.5	-- --	-- --	--	-- --
AFDC Extended Med. d/	5,398	17,505	- 998	+ 5,495	+45.8	-- --	-- --	--	-- --
Foster Care e/	11,488	11,488	+ 11	- 86	- 0.7	695,800	-- --	--	695,800
General Assistance f/ City of Chicago	89,798	96,514	+2,370	+ 19,124	+24.7	25,319,700	15,097,500	156.43	10,222,200
Aid to the Med. Ind.	6,501	8,636	- 175	+ 2,534	+41.5	4,332,000	-- --	--	4,332,000
Other Programs (Not included in Above Totals):									
Burial	--	--	--	--	--	124,500	124,500	--	-- --
Food Stamps - ATP Reg. Roll g/	362,514	935,071	+7,465	+49,216	+ 5.6	40,747,300	40,747,300	43.58	-- --

a/ Includes the following: aged, blind, and disabled cases for which State Supplemental was paid this month; cases in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program for which maintenance grants were paid; aged, blind, and disabled "0" grant cases, persons categorically eligible for medical care only, AFDC-extended medical care cases, and foster care children under the Medical Assistance--No Grant program; the Aid to the Medically Indigent program; and recipients of General Assistance in Chicago. Data for GA receiving units downstate not available.

b/ Excludes expenditures in GA receiving units downstate; these totaled $1,817,100 in December.

c/ Medical payments on behalf of 1,230 "0" grant cases, 347 aged, 18 blind, and 865 disabled, are included; however, case and person totals for these "0" grant cases are included under the Medical Assistance--No Grant program, and not under Categorical Grant Cases.

d/ Medical payments for these cases are included in the total shown for the AFDC grant program.

e/ Amounts shown were paid by this Department for medical care of children in programs under the Department of Children and Family Services.

f/ General Assistance caseloads in units receiving state funds available for the City of Chicago only. Suburban Cook County units do not receive State GA funds. Persons in GA receiving units downstate numbered 10,399 in December.

g/ Federal Food Stamp Program administered by this Department. No State funds are included in Food Stamp dollar amount. "Cases" refer to households.

NOTE: An additional $24,304,000 was spend under Medical Assistance for such things as hospital reconciliation, medical transportation, etc.

Illinois Department of Public Aid
Programs Receiving State Funds
Total State, Cook and Downstate
Cases, Persons, and Assistance Paid -- December, 1981

PROGRAM	NO. OF CASES	NO. OF PERSONS	Change In Persons From A Month Ago	Change In Persons From A Year Ago Number	Change In Persons From A Year Ago %	ASSISTANCE Total	ASSISTANCE Grants	ASSISTANCE Medical Payments
TOTAL STATE								
TOTAL	531,199	1,052,724	+11,812	+43,631	+ 4.3	$188,757,070	$90,436,089	$98,320,981
State Supplemental	31,452	31,452	+ 172	- 1,078	- 3.3	7,825,363	3,061,749	4,763,614 a/
Aged	6,202	6,202	- 4	+ 39	+ 0.6	967,620	422,741	544,879 a/
Blind	314	314	- 1	- 29	- 8.5	79,008	25,992	53,016 a/
Disabled	24,936	24,936	+ 177	- 1,088	- 4.2	6,778,735	2,613,016	4,165,719 a/
AFDC - Combined	226,608	711,293	+ 3,505	+24,389	+ 3.6	98,505,009	70,647,836	27,857,173
Basic Sector	213,077	653,517	- 55	+ 3,896	+ 0.6	91,286,652	65,139,414	26,147,238
Unemployed	13,531	57,776	+ 3,560	+20,493	+ 55.0	7,218,357	5,508,422	1,709,935
Medical Assistance	169,391	196,625	+ 2,838	- 3,980	- 2.0	57,393,093	--	57,393,093
"Medical Only"	150,846	165,334	+ 2,381	- 9,089	- 5.2	57,007,072	--	57,007,072
"0" Grant	1,311	1,311	- 49	- 385	- 22.7	--	--	--
AFDC-Ext. Med. b/	5,757	18,503	+ 522	+ 5,831	+ 46.0	--	--	--
Foster Care c/	11,477	11,477	- 16	- 337	- 2.9	386,021	--	386,021
GA Receiving Units	97,190	104,543	+ 4,280	+21,603	+ 26.0	22,485,441	16,726,504	5,758,937
Aid to the Med Indigent	6,558	8,811	+ 1,017	+ 2,697	+ 44.1	2,548,164	--	2,548,164
COOK COUNTY								
TOTAL	359,647	714,634	+ 5,625	+19,043	+ 2.7	126,650,722	66,381,306	60,269,416
State Supplemental	24,825	24,825	+ 84	- 1,165	- 4.5	6,115,854	2,190,827	3,925,027 a/
Aged	5,018	5,018	+ 9	+ 45	+ 0.9	776,060	316,467	459,593 a/
Blind	243	243	+ 2	- 15	- 5.8	68,468	19,490	48,978 a/
Disabled	19,564	19,564	+ 73	- 1,195	- 5.8	5,271,326	1,854,870	3,416,456 a/
AFDC - Combined	153,916	487,082	+ 223	+ 8,071	+ 1.7	69,198,570	48,751,299	20,447,271
Basic Sector	148,538	462,914	- 614	+ 1,556	+ 0.3	66,073,585	46,442,066	19,631,519
Unemployed	5,378	24,168	+ 837	+ 6,515	+ 36.9	3,124,985	2,309,233	815,752
Medical Assistance	91,385	105,802	+ 1,490	- 6,809	- 6.0	29,073,924	--	29,073,924
"Medical Only"	75,800	83,357	+ 967	- 8,779	- 9.5	28,687,903	--	28,687,903
"0" Grant	1,090	1,090	- 34	- 353	- 24.5	--	--	--
AFDC-Ext. Med. b/	3,018	9,878	+ 573	+ 2,660	+ 36.9	--	--	--
Foster Care c/	11,477	11,477	- 16	- 337	- 2.9	386,021	--	386,021
GA Receiving Units	87,713	94,144	+ 3,521	+18,649	+ 24.7	20,668,350	15,439,180	5,229,170
Aid to the Med Indigent	1,808	2,781	+ 307	+ 297	+ 12.0	1,594,024	--	1,594,024

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Programs Receiving State Funds -- December, 1981

PROGRAM	NO. OF CASES	NO. OF PERSONS	Change In Persons From A Month Ago	Change In Persons From A Year Ago Number	Change In Persons From A Year Ago %	ASSISTANCE Total	ASSISTANCE Grants	ASSISTANCE Medical Payments
				DOWNSTATE				
TOTAL	171,552	338,090	+ 6,187	+24,588	+ 7.8	$62,106,348	$24,054,783	$38,051,565
State Supplemental	6,627	6,627	+ 88	+ 87	+ 1.3	1,709,509	870,922	838,587 a/
Aged	1,184	1,184	- 13	- 6	- 0.5	191,560	106,274	85,286 a/
Blind	71	71	- 3	- 14	- 16.5	10,540	6,502	4,038 a/
Disabled	5,372	5,372	+ 104	+ 107	+ 2.0	1,507,409	758,146	749,263 a/
AFDC - Combined	72,692	224,211	+ 3,282	+16,318	+ 7.8	29,306,439	21,896,537	7,409,902
Basic Sector	64,539	190,603	+ 559	+ 2,340	+ 1.2	25,213,067	18,697,348	6,515,719
Unemployed	8,153	33,608	+ 2,723	+13,978	+ 71.2	4,093,372	3,199,189	894,183
Medical Assistance	78,006	90,823	+ 1,348	+ 2,829	+ 3.2	28,319,169	--	28,319,169
"Medical Only"	75,046	81,977	+ 1,414	- 310	- 0.4	28,319,169	--	28,319,169
"0" Grant	221	221	- 15	- 32	- 12.6	--	--	--
AFDC-Ext. Med. b/	2,739	8,625	- 51	+ 3,171	+ 58.1	--	--	--
GA Receiving Units	9,477	10,399	+ 759	+ 2,954	+ 39.7	1,817,091	1,287,324	529,767
Aid to the Med Indigent	4,750	6,030	+ 710	+ 2,400	+ 66.1	954,140	--	954,140
Memo Items (Not Included in above Totals):								
GA Receiving Units State	8,864	17,730	+ 922	+ 955	+ 5.7	1,031,729	826,412	205,317
Cook	1,701	3,116	- 7	- 25	- 0.8	262,776	230,087	32,689
Downstate	7,163	14,614	+ 929	+ 980	+ 7.2	768,953	596,325	172,628

a/ Medical payments on behalf of 1,311 "0" grant cases, 381 aged, 20 blind, and 910 disabled are included. Cook County "0" grant cases numbered 1,090, including 321 aged, 15 blind, and 754 disabled. Downstate "0" grant cases numbered 221, including 60 aged, 5 blind, and 156 disabled. Case and person totals for these "0" grant cases are included under the Medical Assistance--No Grant program and not under State Supplemental cases.

b/ Medical payments for AFDC-Extended Medical Care cases are included in totals for the AFDC Grant Program.

c/ Amounts shown represent payments by the Department of Public Aid for the medical care of children in programs administered by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. All foster care children and medical payments on their behalf are included in Cook County totals regardless of county of residence.

NOTE: Not included in the above totals were burial payments totaling $182,216 including $106,221 in Cook County, and $75,995 Downstate.

Also excluded was a total of $51,981,000 spent under Medical Assistance for such things as hospital reconciliation, medical transportation, etc.

Illinois Department of Public Aid
Programs Receiving State Funds (Includes GA Rec'g Units)
Number of Persons and Amount of Assistance by County

December 1981

County	PERSONS Number a/ (a)	PERSONS Rate per 1,000 Total Population b/ (b)	Amount of Assistance c/ (c)	County	PERSONS Number (a)	PERSONS Rate per 1,000 Total Population (b)	Amount of Assistance (c)
TOTAL STATE	1,052,724	92	$188,757,070	Fayette	1,349	61	$ 238,334
				Ford	595	39	104,284
COOK COUNTY	714,634	136	126,650,722	Franklin	3,959	92	601,097
				Fulton	2,628	60	545,234
DOWNSTATE	338,090	55	62,106,348	Gallatin	742	98	146,371
Adams	4,420	62	733,460	Greene	1,278	77	210,162
Alexander	3,018	246	307,248	Grundy	776	25	171,750
Bond	923	57	166,825	Hamilton	643	70	101,998
Boone	850	30	182,040	Hancock	880	37	184,603
Brown	264	49	72,888	Hardin	692	129	89,346
Bureau	1,208	31	231,358	Henderson	288	31	34,658
Calhoun	256	44	77,844	Henry	2,194	38	431,990
Carroll	703	37	206,924	Iroquois	1,342	41	269,720
Cass	739	49	195,468	Jackson	3,865	63	668,121
Champaign	7,482	44	1,458,162	Jasper	322	28	57,900
Christian	2,169	60	493,230	Jefferson	3,239	89	394,570
Clark	509	30	140,505	Jersey	728	35	205,226
Clay	745	49	162,940	Jo Daviess	322	14	66,541
Clinton	1,252	38	200,623	Johnson	780	81	105,732
Coles	2,326	44	377,971	Kane	12,507	45	2,243,085
Crawford	568	27	97,484	Kankakee	11,361	110	1,865,079
Cumberland	310	28	43,576	Kendall	464	12	73,974
DeKalb	1,759	24	480,391	Knox	4,188	68	859,648
DeWitt	601	33	101,556	Lake	17,036	39	3,975,804
Douglas	839	42	227,675	LaSalle	5,076	47	906,393
DuPage	10,615	16	3,582,754	Lawrence	1,026	58	237,183
Edgar	824	38	126,363	Lee	2,230	61	469,779
Edwards	290	36	34,126	Livingston	1,386	33	234,225
Effingham	1,421	46	326,404	Logan	2,176	68	603,558

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Persons and Assistance by County -- December 1981

County	(a)	(b)	(c)	County	(a)	(b)	(c)
Macon	10,094	77	$1,499,588	Randolph	1,363	38	$ 217,719
Macoupin	2,881	58	595,683	Richland	642	37	131,607
Madison	19,835	80	3,308,589	Rock Island	9,550	58	1,754,005
Marion	3,306	76	531,296	Saline	2,516	92	494,615
Marshall	380	26	69,163	Sangamon	12,489	71	2,429,837
Mason	1,398	72	206,601	Schuyler	344	41	73,584
Massac	1,734	116	271,829	Scott	215	35	43,367
McDonough	1,285	35	231,958	Shelby	1,001	42	144,646
McHenry	2,261	15	622,458	Stark	282	38	60,528
McLean	4,301	36	750,782	St. Clair	48,244	182	7,120,478
Menard	599	51	135,745	Stephenson	1,856	37	400,351
Mercer	785	41	151,852	Tazewell	5,067	38	922,346
Monroe	557	28	119,379	Union	1,971	117	329,508
Montgomery	1,826	58	426,990	Vermilion	6,132	64	894,551
Morgan	2,701	72	524,511	Wabash	720	53	123,308
Moultrie	438	30	106,115	Warren	1,106	50	178,338
Ogle	1,361	29	287,545	Washington	584	38	154,152
Peoria	14,201	71	2,248,487	Wayne	888	49	117,221
Perry	1,251	58	160,125	White	1,315	74	284,311
Piatt	472	28	83,507	Whiteside	2,239	34	549,708
Pike	1,089	58	180,723	Will	16,153	50	3,026,551
Pope	390	89	62,895	Williamson	4,002	71	669,001
Pulaski	2,116	239	207,226	Winnebago	14,948	60	2,856,201
Putnam	67	11	6,986	Woodford	972	29	216,858

a/ Includes the following: aged, blind, and disabled persons for whom State Supplemental Payments were made this month or in "0" grant status, persons in AFDC families and those eligible for AFDC-extended medical care, persons categorically eligible for medical care only, foster care children carried on Cook County medical-only rolls, persons in General Assistance receiving units, and persons receiving Aid to the Medically Indigent.

b/ Rates based on total population on April 1, 1980, as reported by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

c/ Amounts of assistance paid for persons specified in a/ above. All foster care children and medical payments on their behalf are included in Cook County totals, regardless of county of residence. Mass debits and credits not allocable by county totalled-$656.

NOTE: An additional $51,981,000 was spent under Medical Assistance for such things as hospital reconciliation, medical transportation, etc.